

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
December 05, 2013

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December

HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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Yes..... No

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5 December 2013

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THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2013 AND HSBC (FRANCE) PLAN D'EPARGNE

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc have declared the third interim dividend for 2013 of US\$0.10 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 11 December 2013 to holders of record on 24 October 2013 on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register and on 25 October 2013 on the Principal Register or the Bermuda Overseas Branch Register.

78,809,402 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted by HSBC Holdings plc to those shareholders who elected to receive the scrip dividend alternative.

An additional 1,970,877 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each have been allotted in connection with the HSBC (France), Plan d'Epargne, an employee share plan.

The shares will be issued on 11 December 2013 and will rank pari passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company.

Application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority for the shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the shares to be admitted to trading.

Dealings are expected to commence on 11 December 2013.

Ben J S Mathews

Group Company Secretary

HSBC Holdings plc

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 05 December 2013